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SUBJ: ATTENDANCE BY SETHNA AT ENERGY MEETING

REF: STATE 100930

1. SETHNA TELLS ME THAT HE RECEIVED PROFESSOR GARDNER'S INVITATION DATED APRIL 12 TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE ON NUCLEAR ENERGY AT ASPEN INSTITUTE ON APRIL 18. HE REPLIED BY TELEGRAM ON APRIL 19 EXPLAINING THAT HE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO ACCEPT INVITATION. HE SAYS THAT HE HAS ALSO WRITTEN PROFESSOR GARDNER A LETTER EXPLAINING IN MORE DETAIL WHY HE HAS TO REMAIN IN INDIA AT THAT TIME. SETHNA MUST PARTICIPATE IN BUDGET HEARINGS CONCERNING IAEC'S PROGRAMS ON MAY 11 AND 12. HE SAYS THIS IS LIKELY TO BE HIS MOST IMPORTANT APPEARANCE BEFORE PARLIAMENT DURING THE PRESENT YEAR AND THERE IS NOWAYTHAT HE CAN BE AWAY FROM INDIA THAT WEEK. HE ALLUDED TO THIS SAME DATE IN HIS TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH KRATZER IN A DIFFERENT CONTEXT. HE NOTED THEN THAT HE HOPED NRC WOULD HAVE ISSUED EXPORT LICENSES FOR TARAPUR FUEL BY MAY 11TH SO THAT HE COULD AVOID A DIFFICULT CONFRONTATION WITH SOME MP'S DURING HIS BUDGETARY HEARINGS ON MAY 11 AND 12. HE FEELS THAT THESE HEARINGS WILL SURFACE ALL OF THE OTHER DIFFICULT PROBLEMS CONNECTED WITH THE DELAY IN TARAPUR FUEL WHICH HE HAS BEEN TRYING TO CONTAIN OVER PAST THREE MONTHS.

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